

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1876

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT: SPECIAL ASSISTANT RICHARD S. WELCH KILLED BY GUNMEN

REF: ATHENS 10112

1. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES  
THE EMBASSY IS RELEASING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE  
PRESS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE AMERICAN EMBASSY CONFIRMED TONIGHT  
THAT MR. RICHARD S. WELCH, AN OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY,  
WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS IN  
FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE EARLIER THIS EVENING. THE EMBASSY  
IS COOPERATING WITH THE GREEK AUTHORITIES IN INVESTI-  
GATING THE MATTER. THE EMBASSY DECLINED TO GIVE ANY  
FURTHER DETAILS PENDING THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION  
AND UNTIL THE NEXT OF KIN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. END TEXT  
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